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commemoration of the Shashtiabdapurthi of the Dewan and so Government should bear half the cost. A circular has been issued that no more Shashtiabdapurthi memorials would be tolerated. In these undertakings the persons first of all make the request that they would bear half the cost and then ask Government to pay the whole. I think these people should be taught a lesson.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, 15 years ago the people of that locality were in affluent circumstances. Now due to the economic depression they are not able to put by anything. Therefore they made the request to Government.

MR. RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It would be enough if a rent-free building is provided.

Declaration as Gazetted Officers.

385 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Co-operative Inspectors, Forest Range Officers and the P. W. D. Section Officers have been declared as gazetted officers; and

(*b*) the action so far taken in the matter?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: (*a*) the answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Government have considered the question in all its aspects and have come to the decision that these officers need not be declared as gazetted.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Conservator of Forests and the Chief Engineer are not favourable for such a declaration?

PRESIDENT: As they have too many gazetted officers already, Government have come to the conclusion that they will not have any more.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is there any proposal to reduce the number of the existing gazetted officers?

PRESIDENT: There is an attempt to reduce the number and that process is going on.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government, whether they will consider the question of declaring certain other important Officers as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Government propose to lay down certain general principles and Officers who comply with the principles would be declared as Gazetted Officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether these officers are, according to the present rules, competent to be declared as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: No. Sir. Their salary does not come to Rs. 125.

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PRESIDENT: What difference does it make exceeding T. A,?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: It does make considerable difference Sir. To be a Gazetted Officer means he has got certain privileges of drawing his own salary bill, addressing the Audit Office direct on personal matters etc.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he has considered the points which I brought to his notice during the Budget Session with regard to the necessity of declaring them as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Yes Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether it was in respect of T. A. or in respect of any other consideration that these officers are not declared as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: No Sir, it is not a question of travelling allowance alone but certain general and broader considerations.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of Gazetted Officers in the Educational Department?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: It is a very big number, 700 or 800.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What is the minimum salary of a Sub-Registrar or an Excise Inspector?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: The Sub-Registrar's minimum is Rs. 40. and that of the Excise Inspector Rs. 50. As I have already said, it is the intention of Government to reduce the number of Gazetted Officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the maximum salary of a P. W. D. Supervisor.

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Rs. 150, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the maximum salary of a first grade Forest Range Officer?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: I claim notice Sir. I think it is over Rs. 125.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know Sir, whether on the basis of salary, are they not entitled to be declared as Gazetted Officers?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: It is not a question of salary alone that should be taken into account in this case.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is it not a fact that even a graduate acting teacher is now declared as a Gazetted Officer?

PRESIDENT: The whole thing is being reconsidered.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: In that case may I know from the Government whether these officers will be included in the list of Gazetted Officers when the number is reduced?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: There is very little chance of these officers being iucluded as Gazetted Officers.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reasons for not declaring them as Gazetted Officers.

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: There is a strong case for the reduction of the number of Gazetted Officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know Sir, whether that will stand in the way of declaring these officers as Gazetted Officers if they comply with all the other conditions?

MR. S. SUNDARARAJAN: Certainly not, Sir.

Appointment of "Other Hindus."

386 * MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing in detail:

(*a*) the number of candidates recruited by the Public Service Commissioner from "Other Hindus" during the period from 1-1-1114 to 15-7-1116; and

(*b*) the number of appointments obtained by each of the various communities coming under the section "Other Hindus" and the names of the appointments they obtained?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: (*a*) 184.

(*b*) The information is not available.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ഈ ഫവ്വർ പേരിൽ എത്ര പേർക്ക് നിയമനം ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: അതിലേക്കു നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഓരോ വിഭാഗങ്ങളിലും ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള ആളുകൾ എത്രയുണ്ടെന്ന് ഉള്ള ചോദ്യത്തിനു ആ വിവരം അറിയാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നു. എന്നാൽ നമ്പർ വൺ–ാംനമ്പർ ചോദ്യത്തിന് പറഞ്ഞ മറുപടിപോലെയല്ലാതെ അപേക്ഷകളിൽ അവാന്തരവിഭാഗങ്ങൾ എഴുതണമെന്ന് നിർബന്ധിച്ചിരുന്നാൽ ഈ വിവരം അറിയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ലായിരുന്നോ?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: അതു ശരിയാണ്. എന്നാൽ റിക്രൂട്ടുമെന്റിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം പൊതുവായ സമുദായം മാത്രം കാണിച്ചാൽ മതിയാകും.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മറ്റു ഹിന്ദുക്കളിൽ പല സമുദായങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കയും ഓരോരുത്തർക്കും അവരവർക്ക് എത്രയെത്ര ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങൾ ലഭിച്ചു എന്നറിയാൻ ആഗ്രഹിക്കയും ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അപേക്ഷകളിൽ ഇന്ന ഉപവിഭാഗം എന്നു കാണിക്കുന്നതു നന്നായിരിക്കുകയില്ലേ?

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